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National HIV Testing Day will be observed on June 27, 2007. The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), based in Washington, D.C., initiated the annual campaign marking National HIV Testing Day in 1994 to encourage individuals to receive voluntary HIV counseling and testing. In recognition of the national campaign, this is the 10th year Los Angeles County has participated in and organized efforts to declare "HIV Counseling and Testing Week" during the week of June 25-June 30, 2007.

The County of Los Angeles has been critically impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, with nearly 30,000 residents who have died from AIDS and another 21,600 individuals who are estimated to be living with HIV. In 2005, persons of color accounted for 75% of all AIDS cases diagnosed, and women of color account for over 85% of AIDS cases reported among women.

In response to this epidemic, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Office of AIDS Programs and Policy is promoting this year's HIV Counseling and Testing Week, with its theme of "Back to the Basics, Know Your Status."

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim June 25-June 30, 2007, as "HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING WEEK" throughout the County of Los Angeles and urge all residents to obtain their HIV status through testing and counseling.

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